

**Development of  
The Detector Array for  
Photons, Protons, and Exotic Residues**



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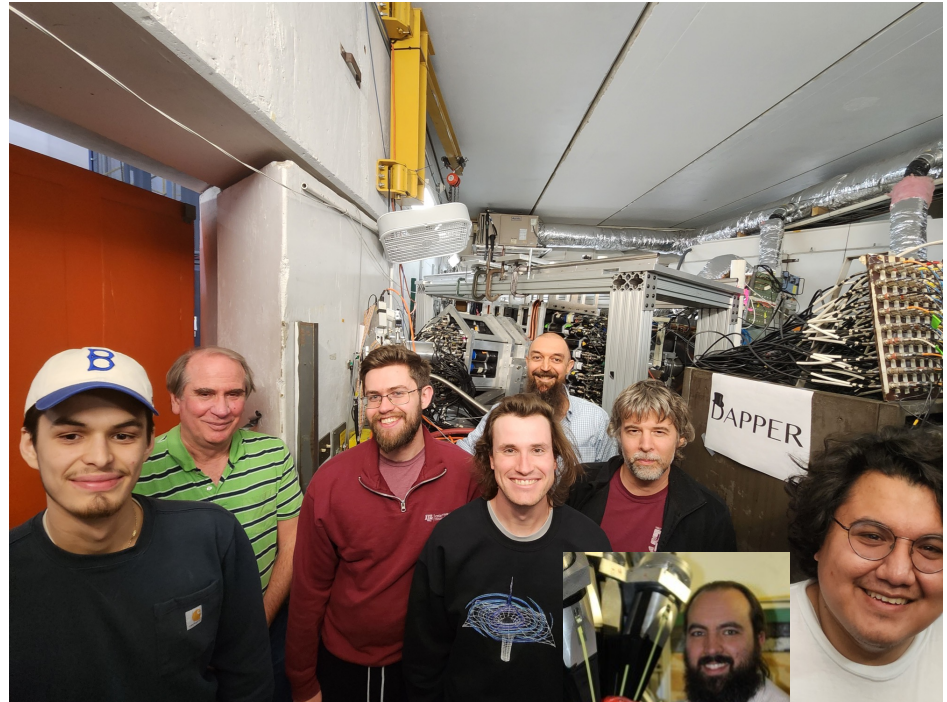
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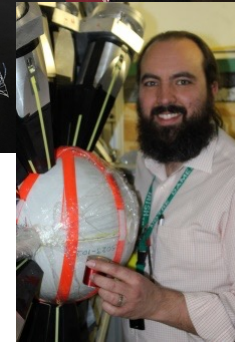
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**DAPPER**



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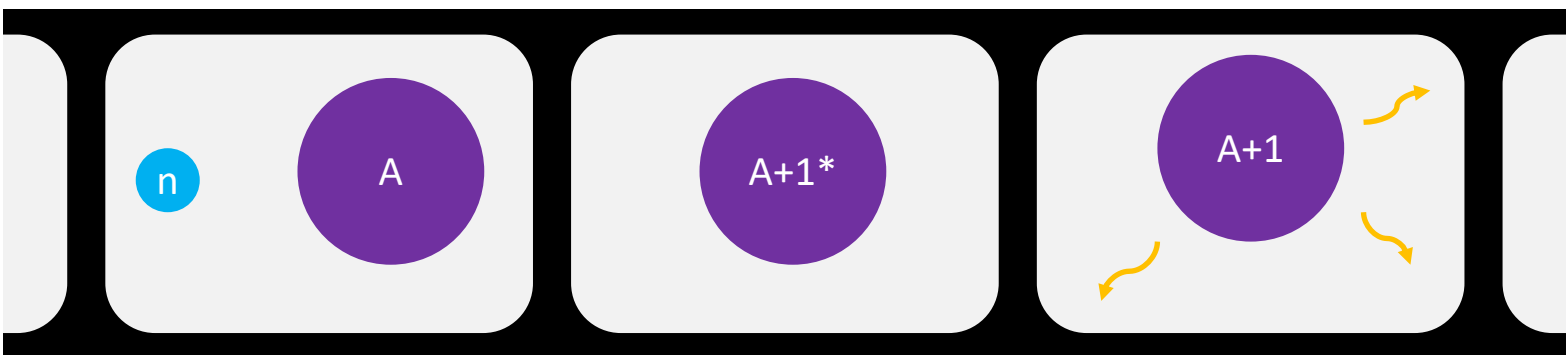
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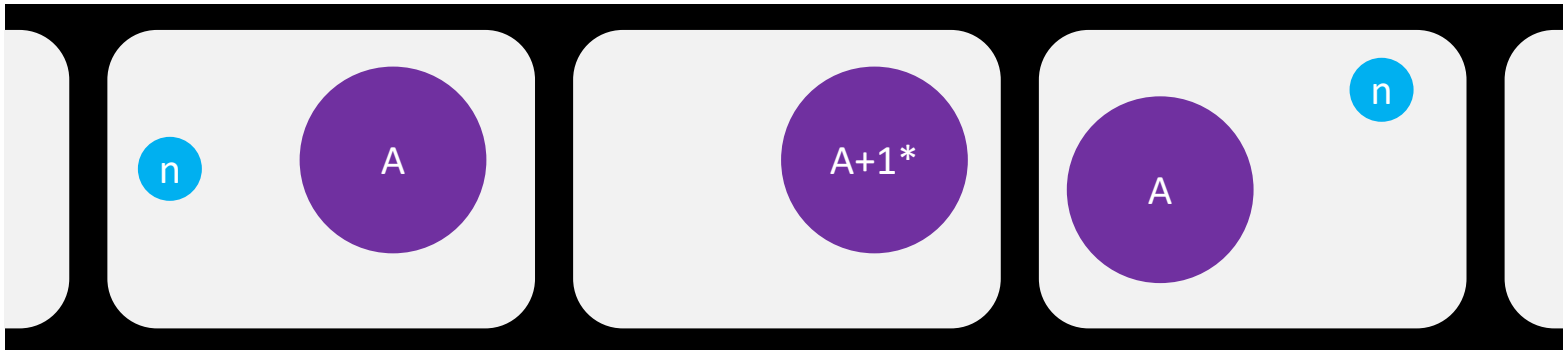
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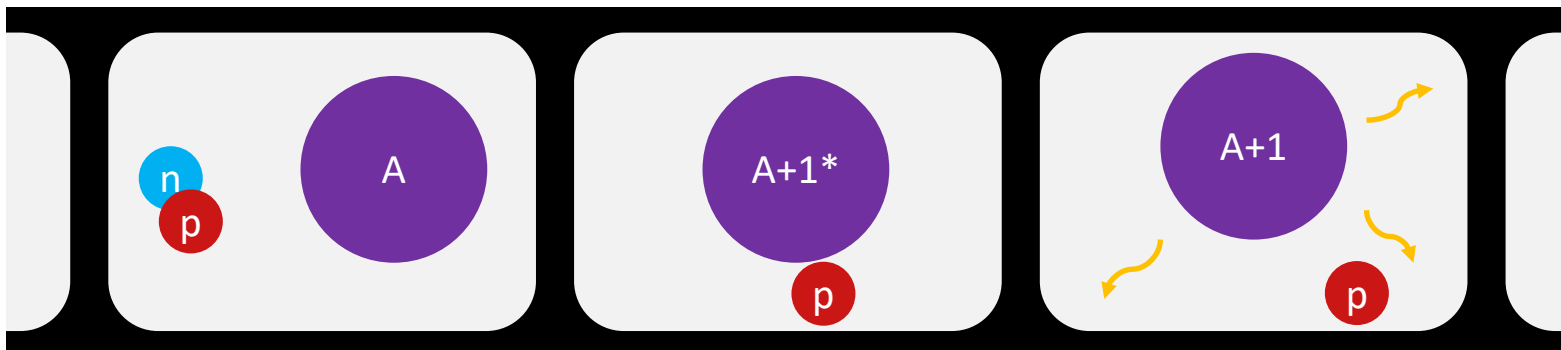
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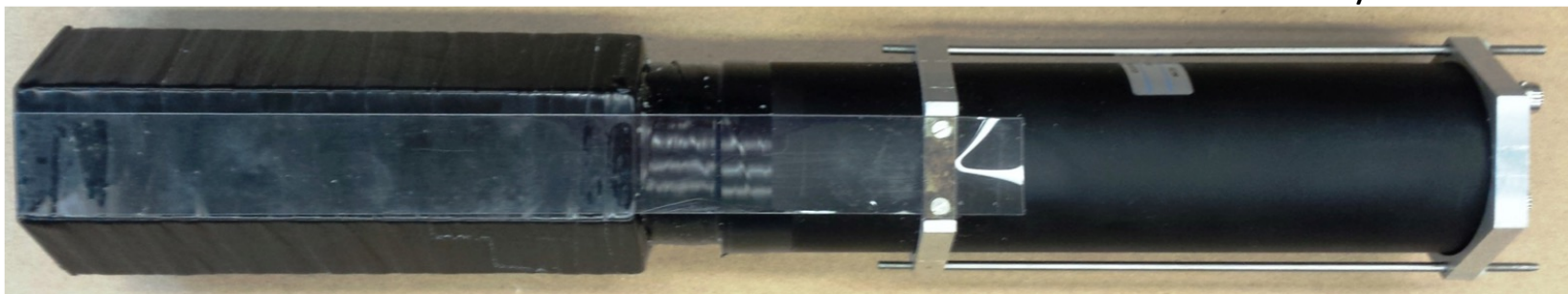
Surrogate reaction: (d,p) as proxy for (n,g)

- Produce many E\* from single energy beam
- Determine E\* from proton energy and angle
- Can be used for unstable nuclei

# Barium Fluoride

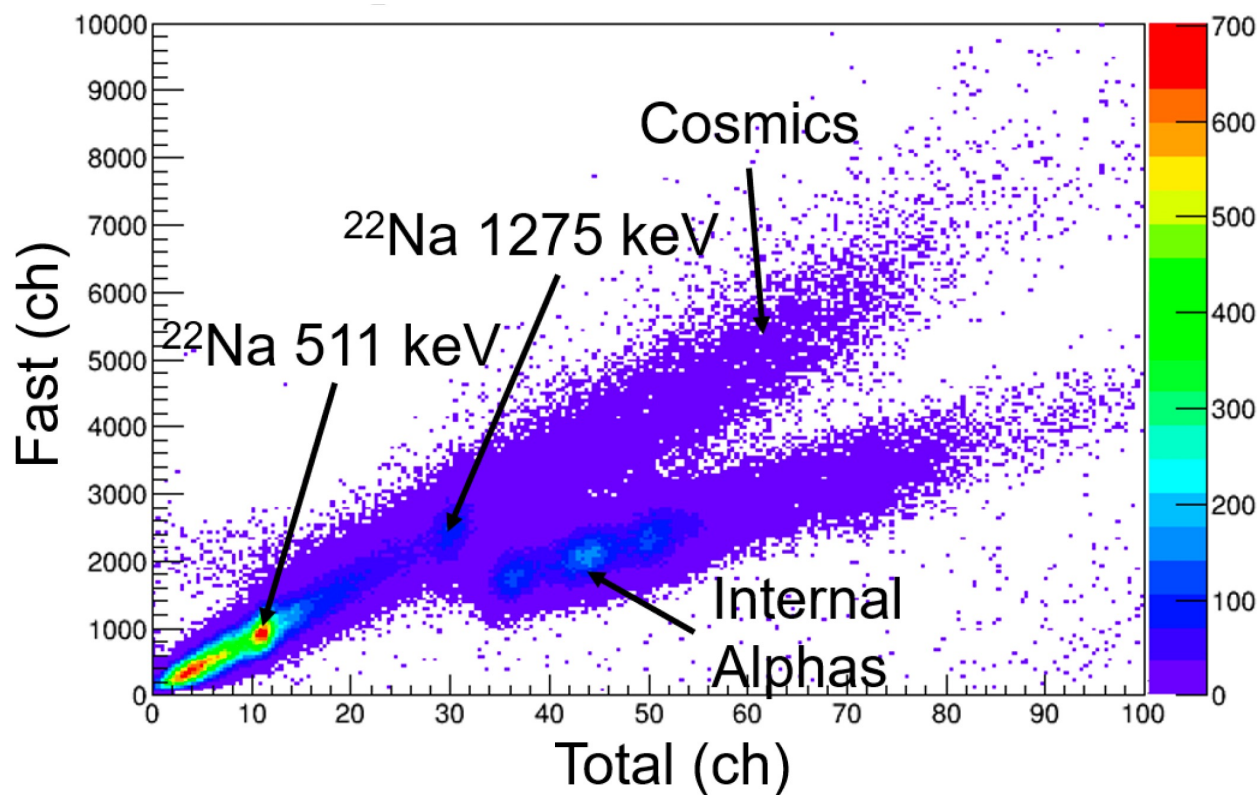
128 modules

TAMU/ORNL BaF2



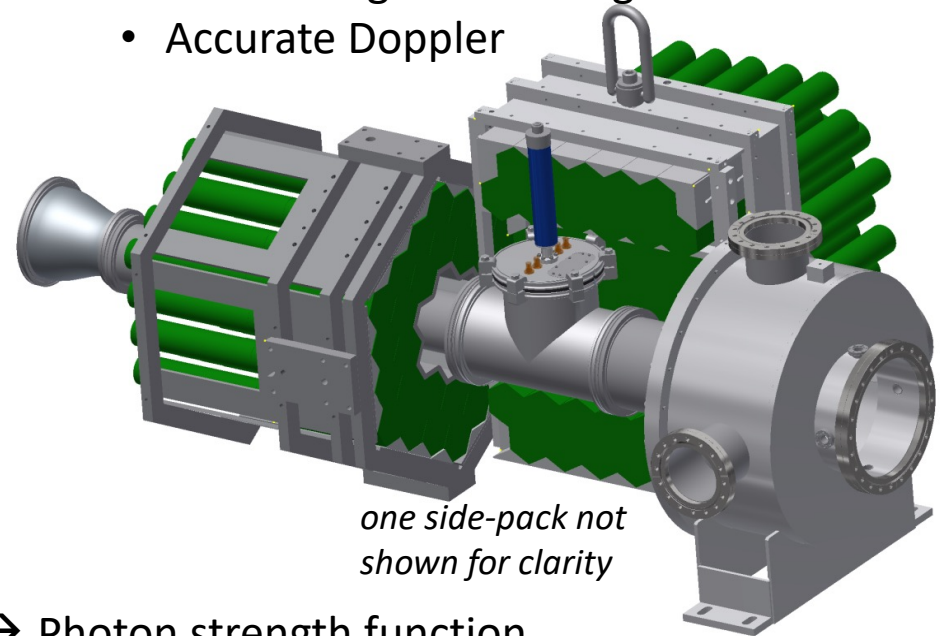
crystal 20 cm x 6.5 cm

silicone oil coupling, quartz window, PMT

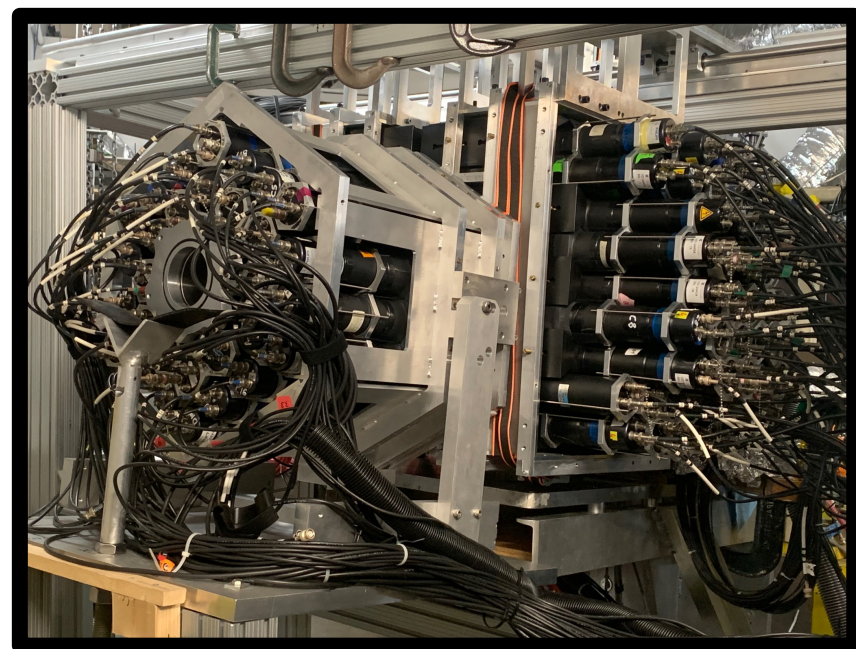


# DAPPER

- (d,p) as (n,g) proxy
- highly segmented  $\rightarrow$  Inverse kinematics  $\rightarrow$  RIB
- Highly segmented, high efficiency
  - Excitation energy
  - Gamma multiplicity
  - Total gamma energy
  - Individual gamma energies
  - Accurate Doppler

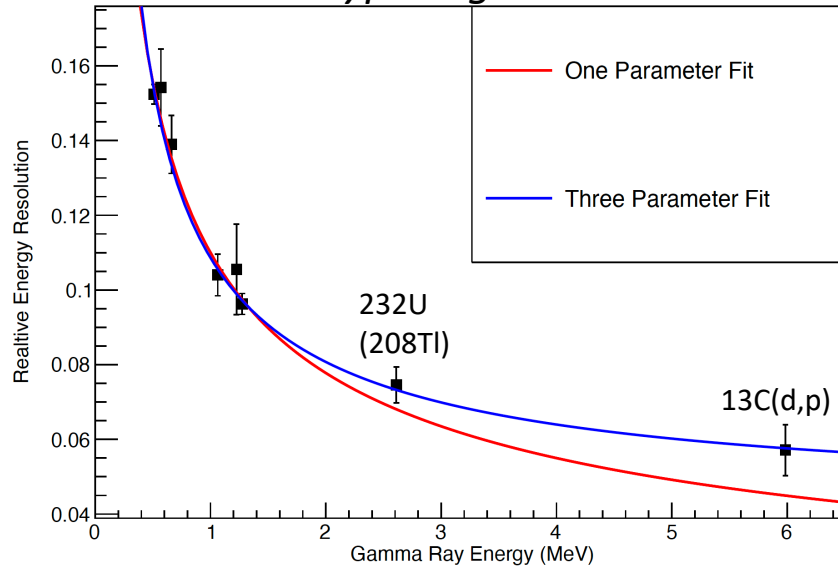


- $\rightarrow$  Photon strength function
- $\rightarrow$  Improve neutron capture model predictions



# Energy Resolution of DAPPER

*A typical good detector*

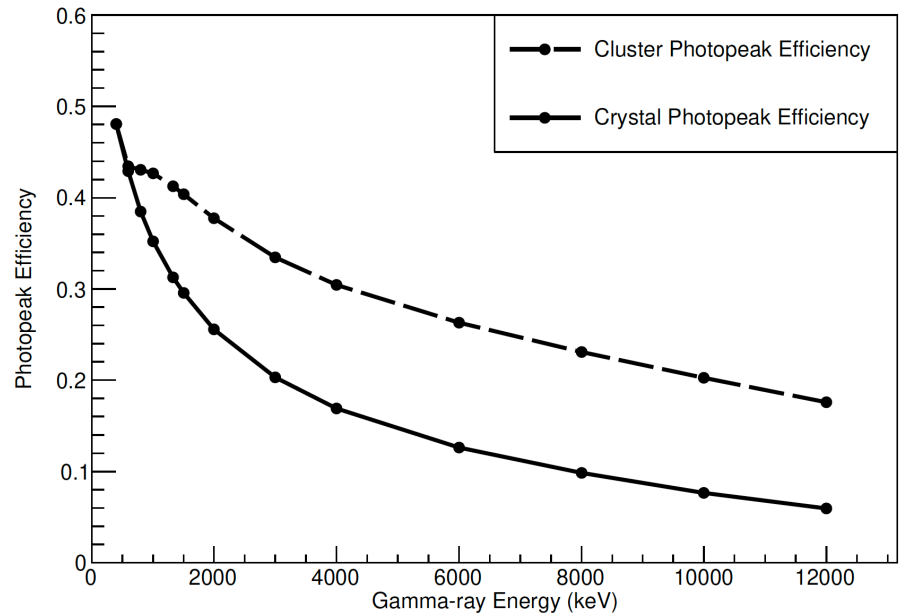
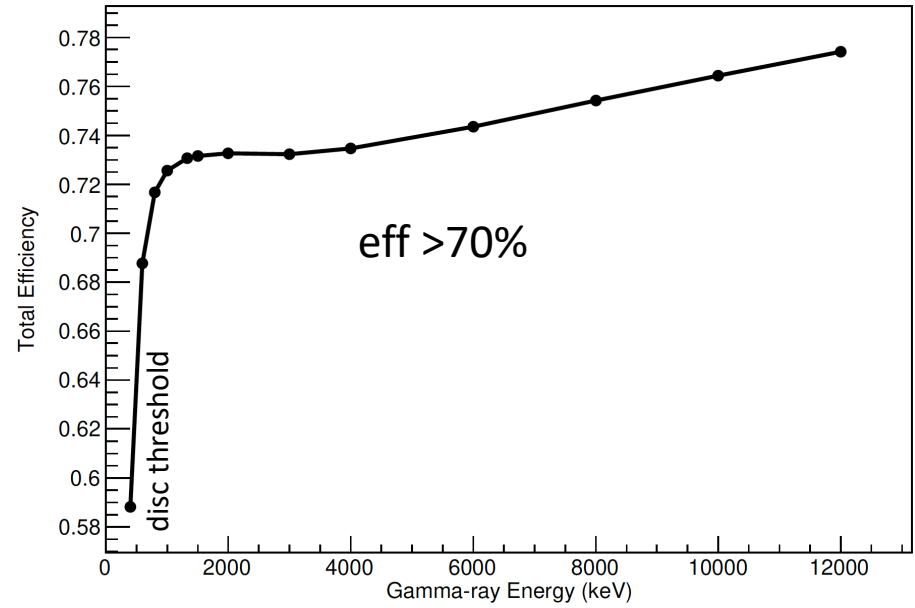
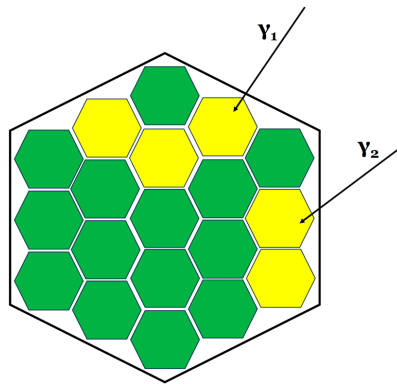
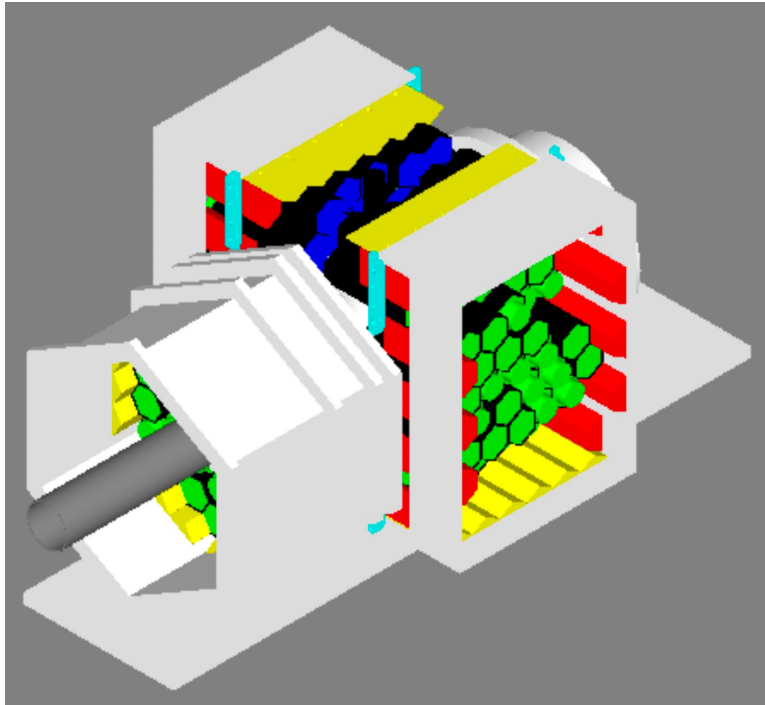


$$\frac{W(E_\gamma)}{E_\gamma} = \frac{\sqrt{aE_\gamma}}{E_\gamma}$$

$$\frac{W(E_\gamma)}{E_\gamma} = \frac{\sqrt{a_0 + a_1E_\gamma + a_2E_\gamma^2}}{E_\gamma}$$

Nearly all detectors  
between 10-20% at 1 MeV.

# Efficiency of DAPPER





Commissioning and First Physics Measurement: 2021

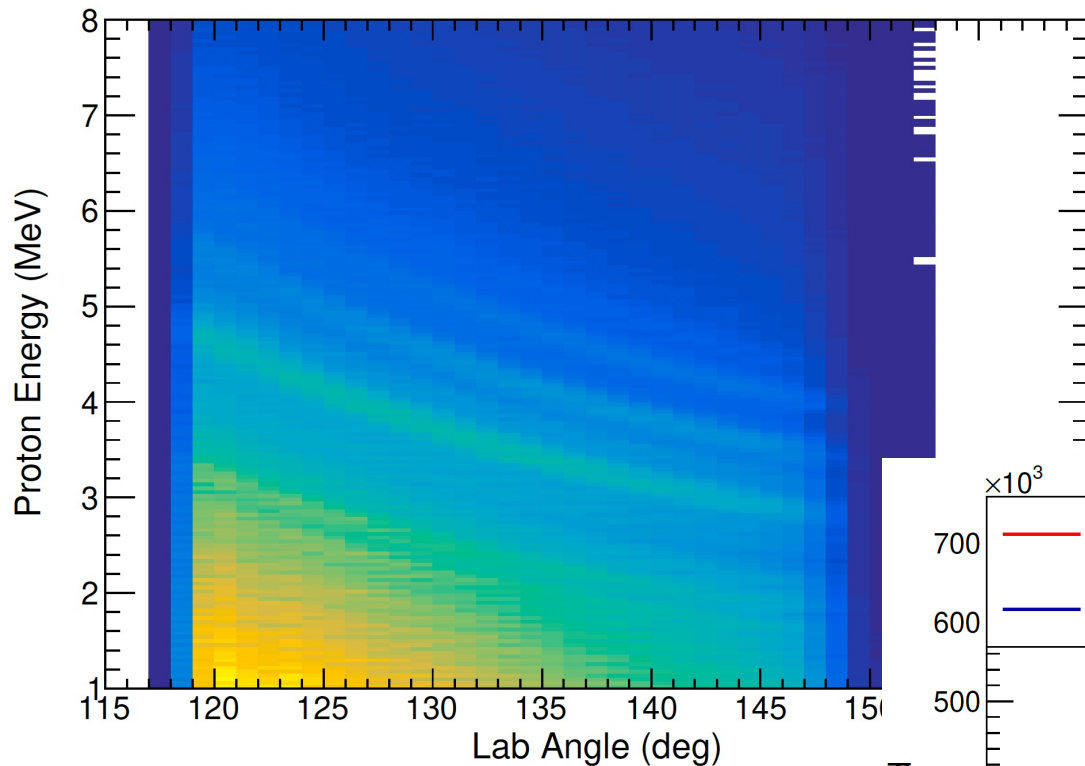
$^{57}\text{Fe}(d,p\gamma)$

# Excitation Energy

$^{57}\text{Fe}(d,pg)$

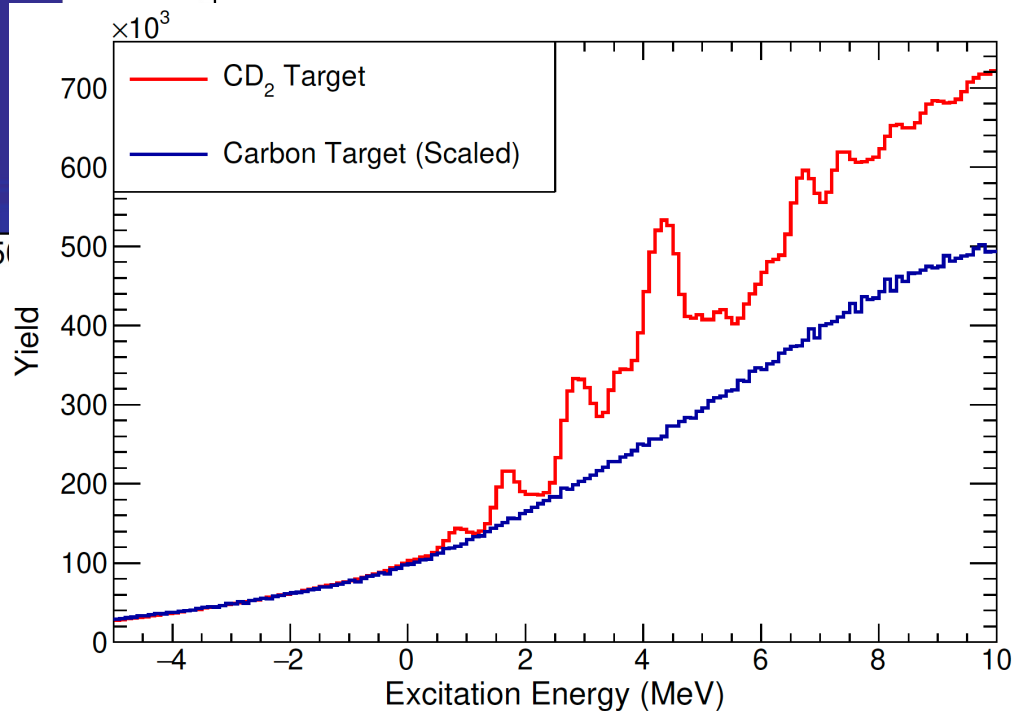
Silicon (S3) coverage 120-150 degrees

Kinematic selection of transfer, not fusion-evaporation

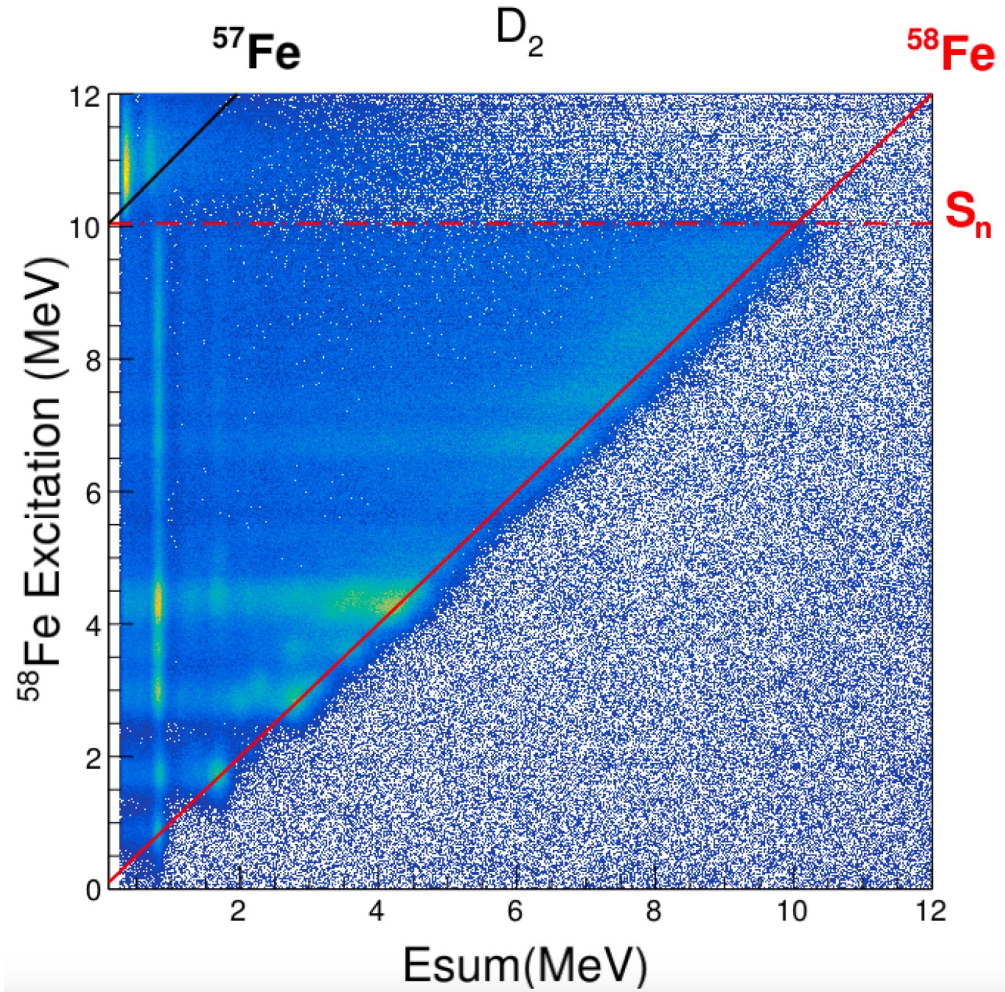
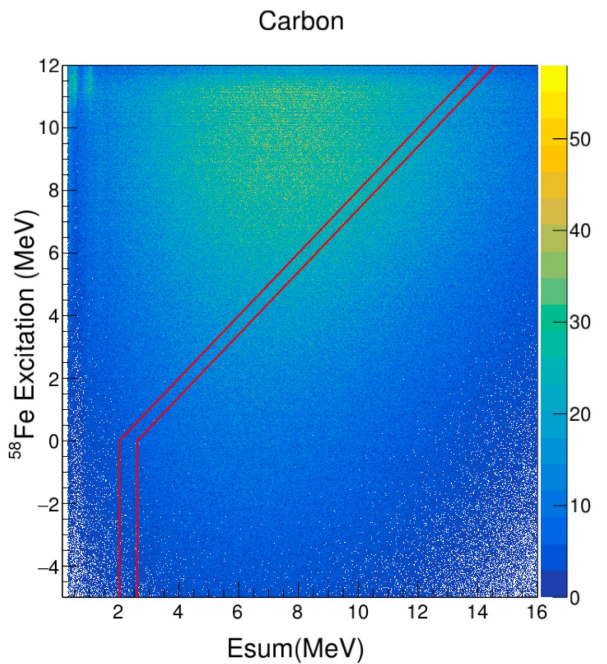
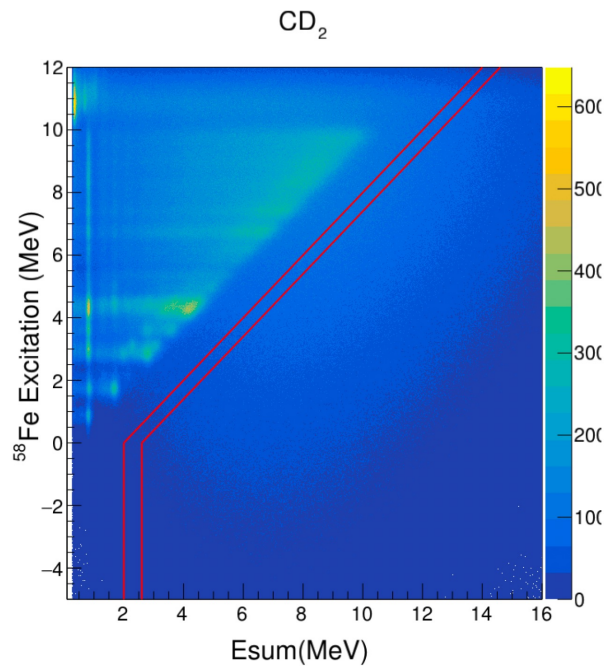


~500 keV  $E^*$  resolution

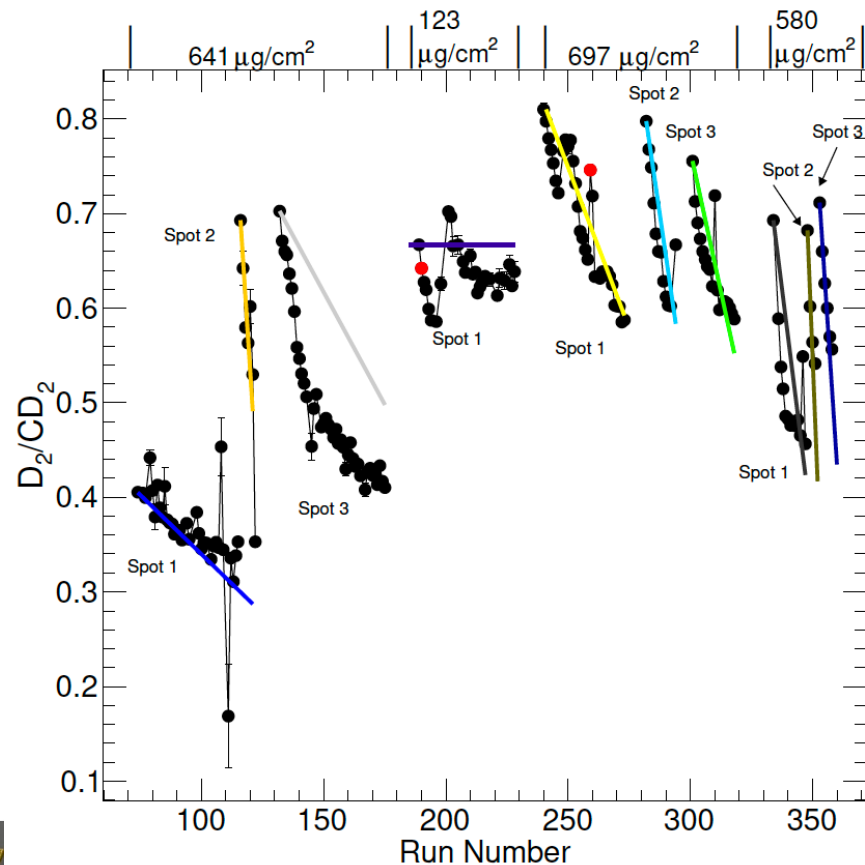
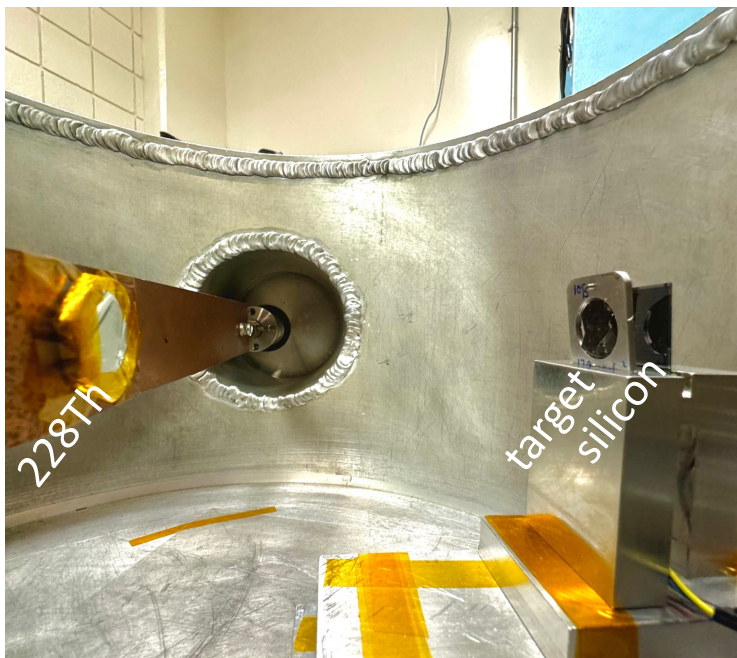
- target thickness
- beam diameter



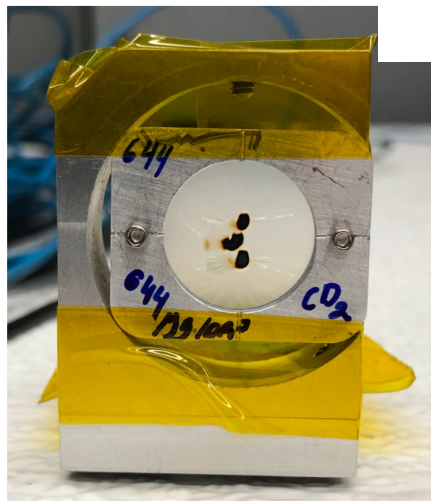
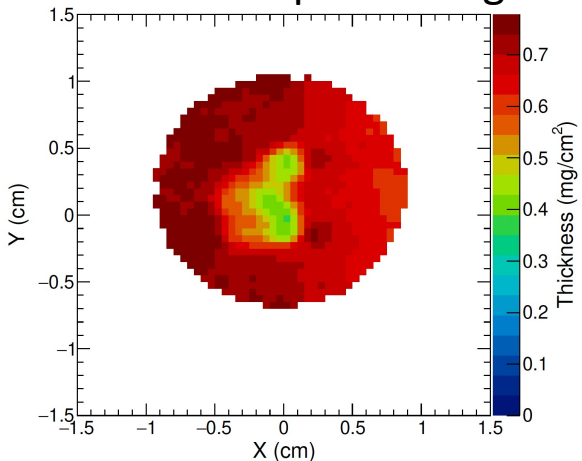
# $^{57}\text{Fe}(d,pg)$ @ 7.5 MeV/u in DAPPER



# Correction for target thickness



## Deuterated plastic target after beam



Deuterium loss over time  
Deduced from peak (D2)  
to peak+bkg (CD2)

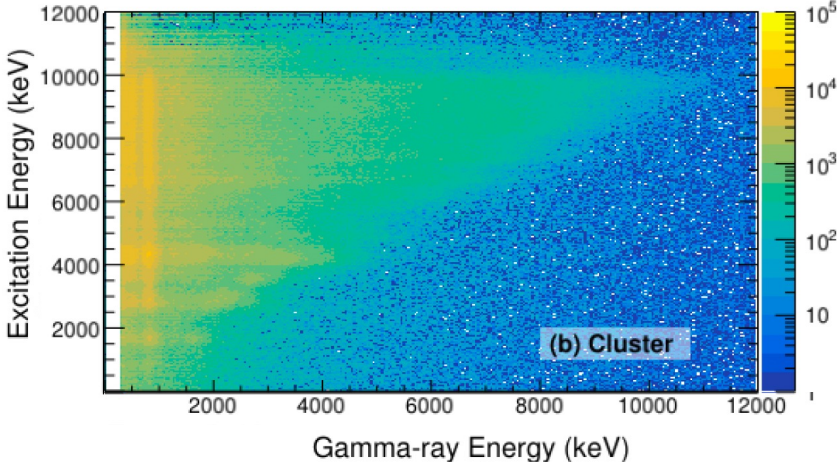
# Oslo Method: $^{58}\text{Fe}$ Photon Strength Function

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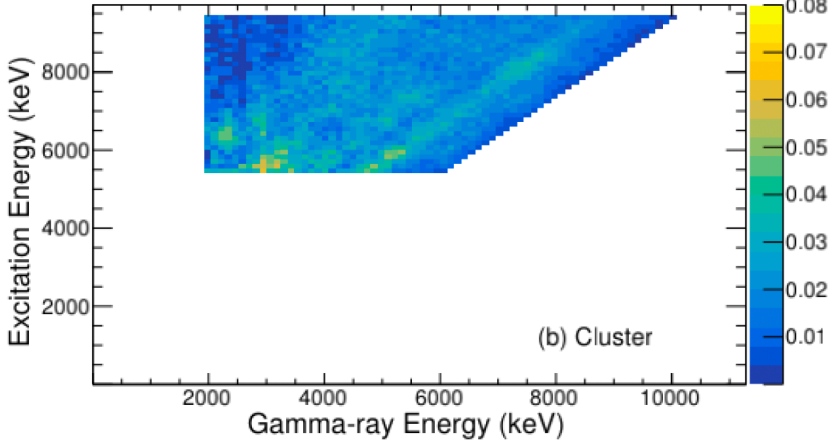


A. Abbott

1. raw

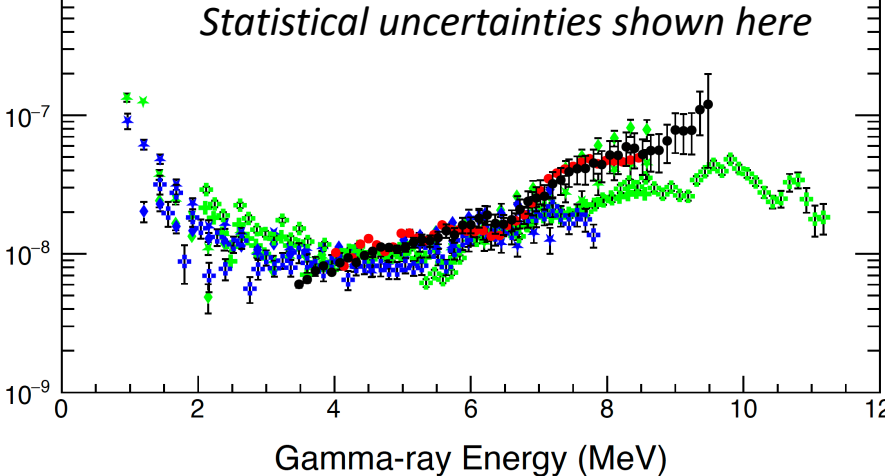
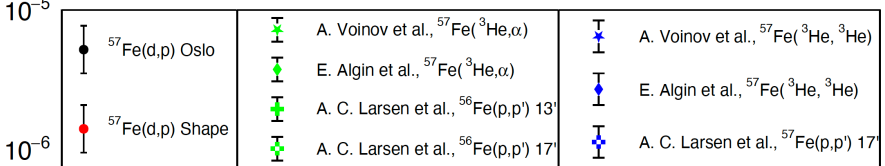
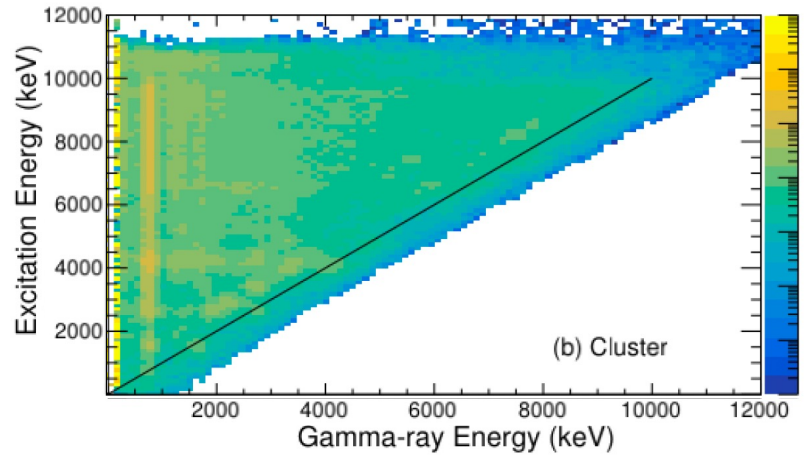


3. primary gamma rays only



2. Doppler corrected “unfolded”  
remove detector response

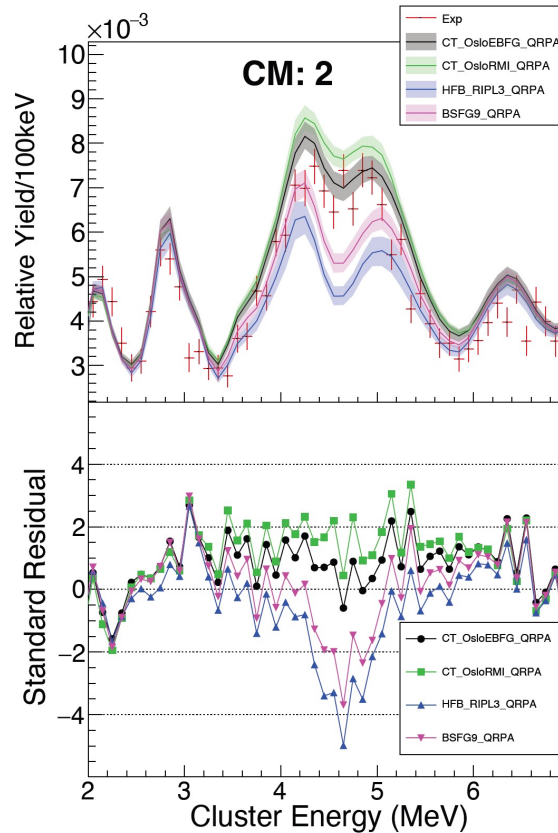
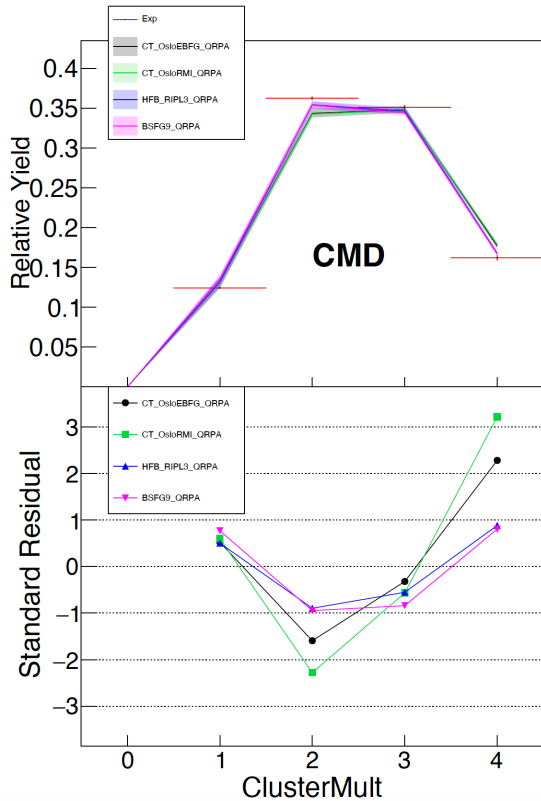
*Doppler: 22% variation!*  
*DAPPER segmentation allows inverse kinematics*



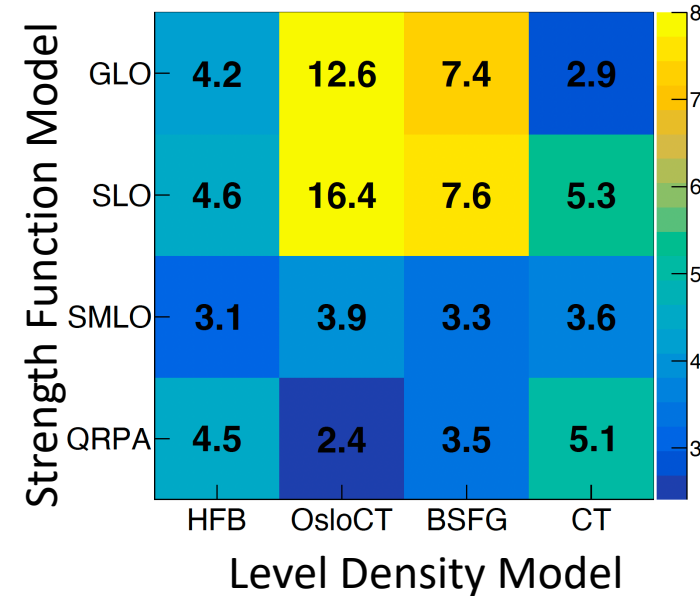


- 1a) Pick a PSF
- 1b) and pick a NLD
- 2) Simulate many 58Fe nuclei deexciting
- 3) Filter with detector response
- 4) Compare sim to exp:

also compare:  
 Energy Dist for Mult=3  
 Energy Dist for Mult=4

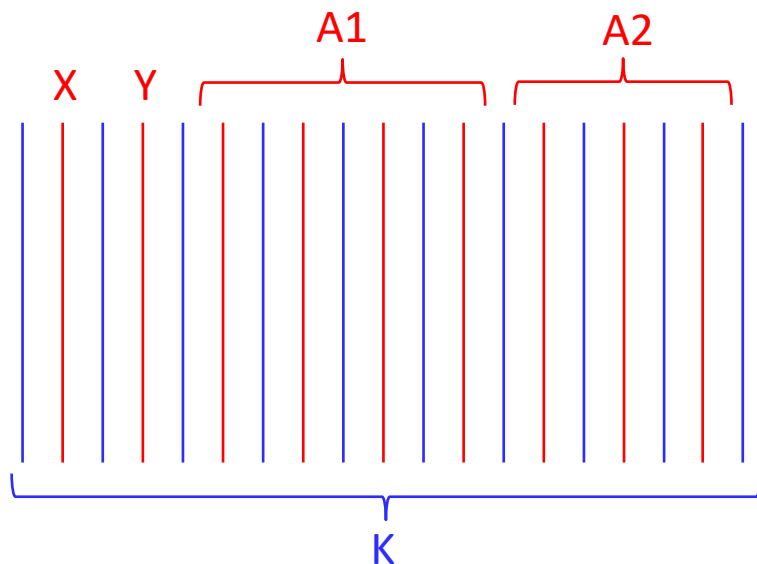


Model Agreement:  $\chi^2/N$



# Zero-degree ionization chamber

In collaboration with S. Pain (ORNL) et al., GODDESS IC  
*S. Pain, T.T. King, M. Grinder, S. Balakrishnan (ORNL)*  
*A. Ratkiewicz, R. Ghimire (LLNL)*



~100 Torr C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub>

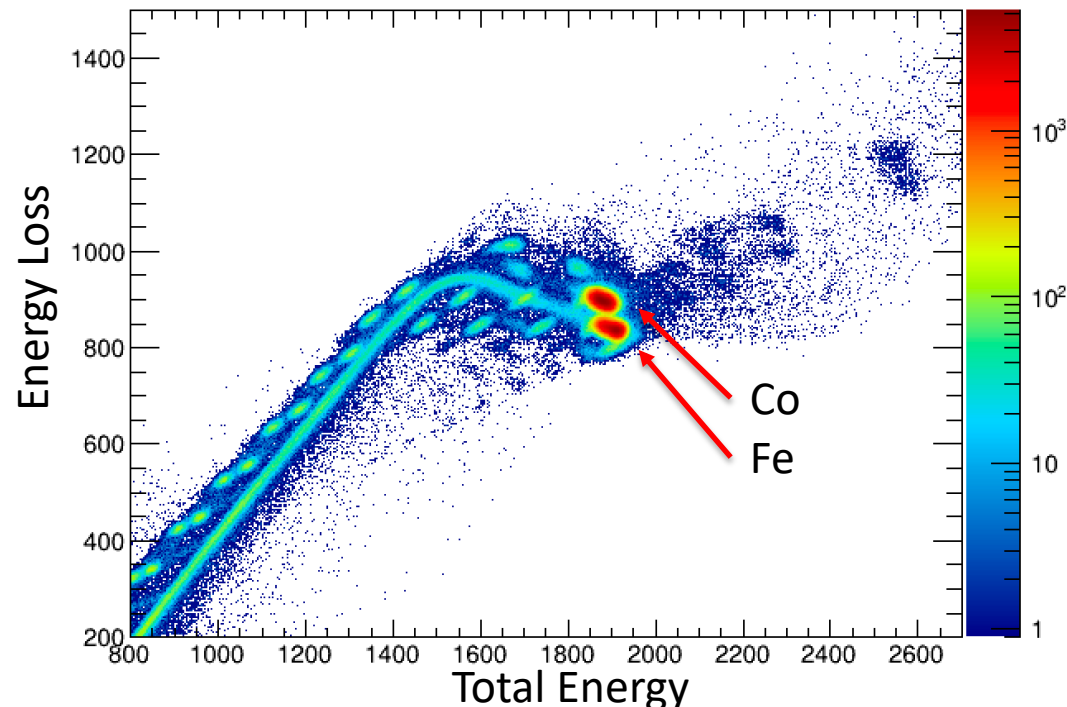
Wire planes, 99% transmission

Close spacing of wire planes

Fast preamplifiers, fast shapers

→ High Rate

Nov 2023 Measurement @ TAMU  
Fe/Co cocktail beam



Unit Z separation

> 5e5 pps

dE-E technique

other <= 1% features

slit-scattering

stopping in wires

pile-up

combinations of these

# Zero-degree ionization chamber

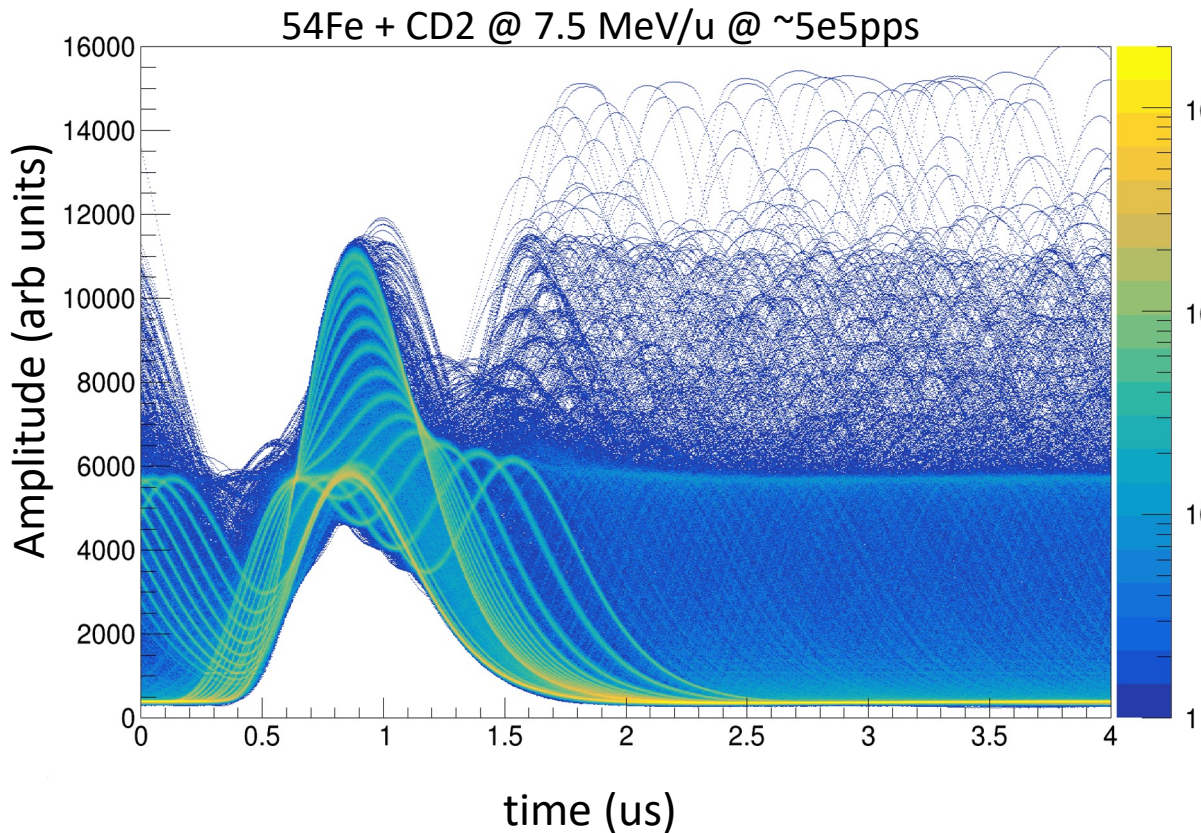
December 2023

Measure  $^{54}\text{Fe}(d,pg)^{55}\text{Fe}$  with DAPPER

Residues at 0 deg in IC



Arthur Alvarez



GODDESS IC Cathode (tot ene)

-> Preamplifier

-> Shaper

-> Waveform Digitizer

Pileup Clearly Observed  
and distinguishable

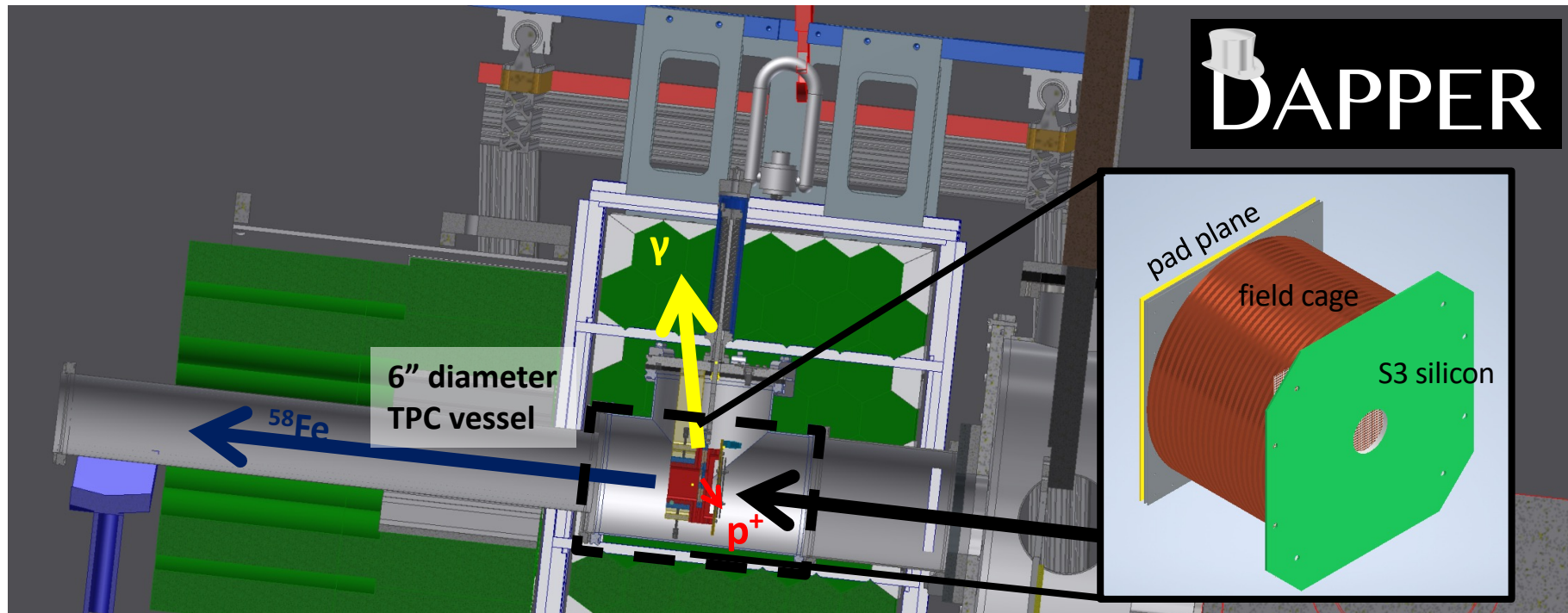
Deconvolute to improve  
efficiency at high rate



# TPC for DAPPER

Simulations in progress  
10cm length x 10cm dia

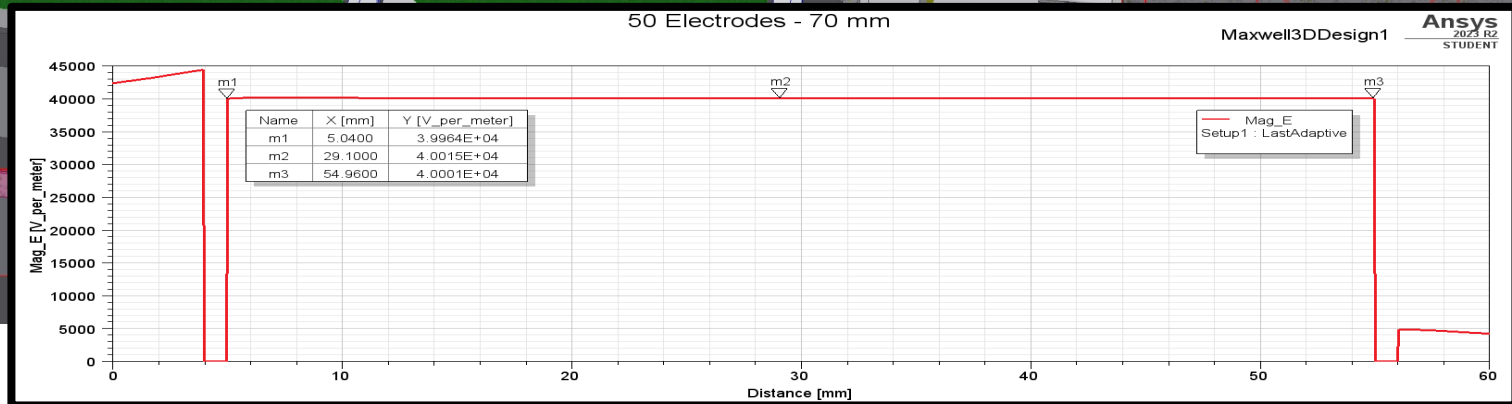
- no fusion-evaporation background
- no target degradation
- higher density of deuterium
- improved  $E^*$  resolution (energy loss and angle)



# DAPPER



Sebastian Regener



# DAPPER

## Capabilities

High Gamma Ray Efficiency

High Granularity

Total Gamma Energy

Gamma Multiplicity

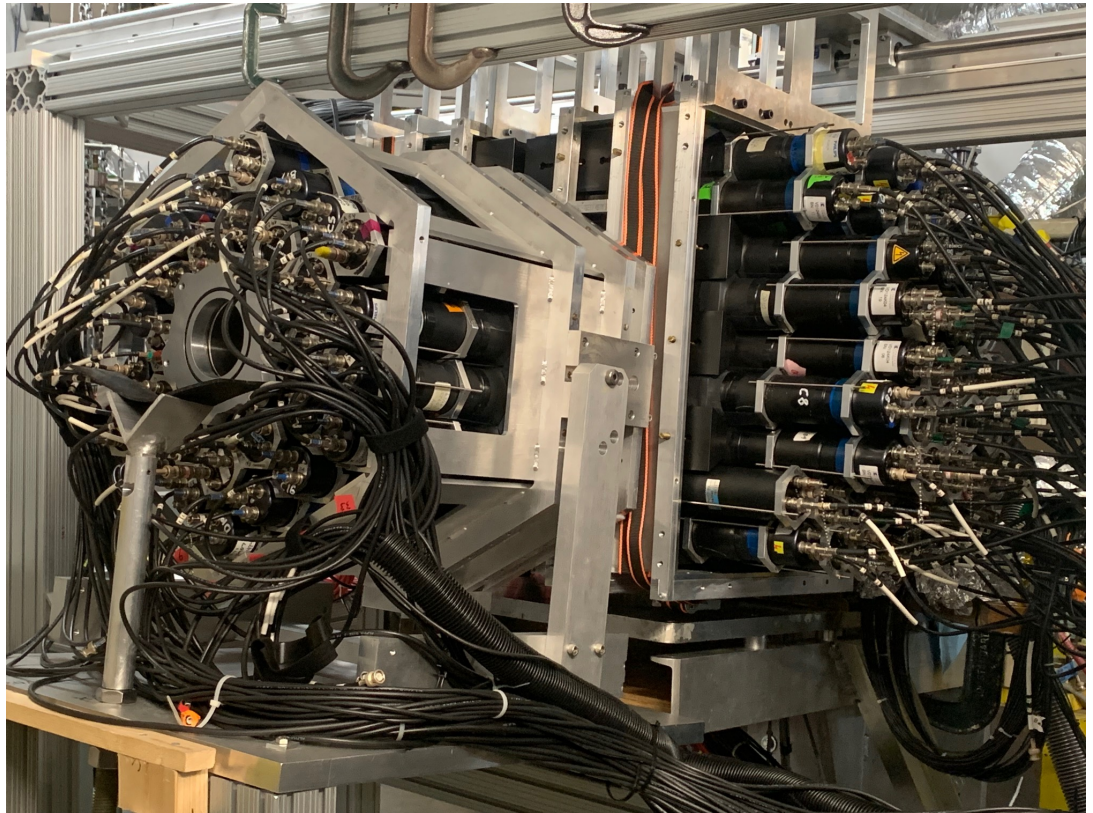
Individual Gamma Energy

Good Doppler Correction

Inverse Kinematics

Secondary Beams

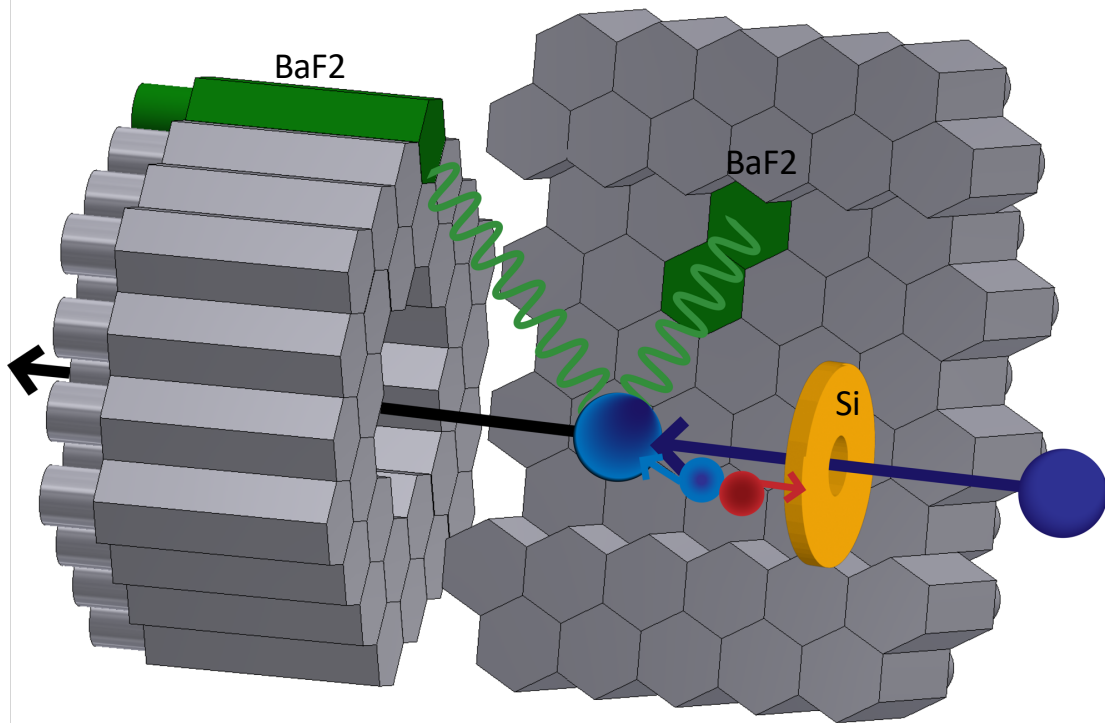
Unit-Z for Residues at High Rate



Fin

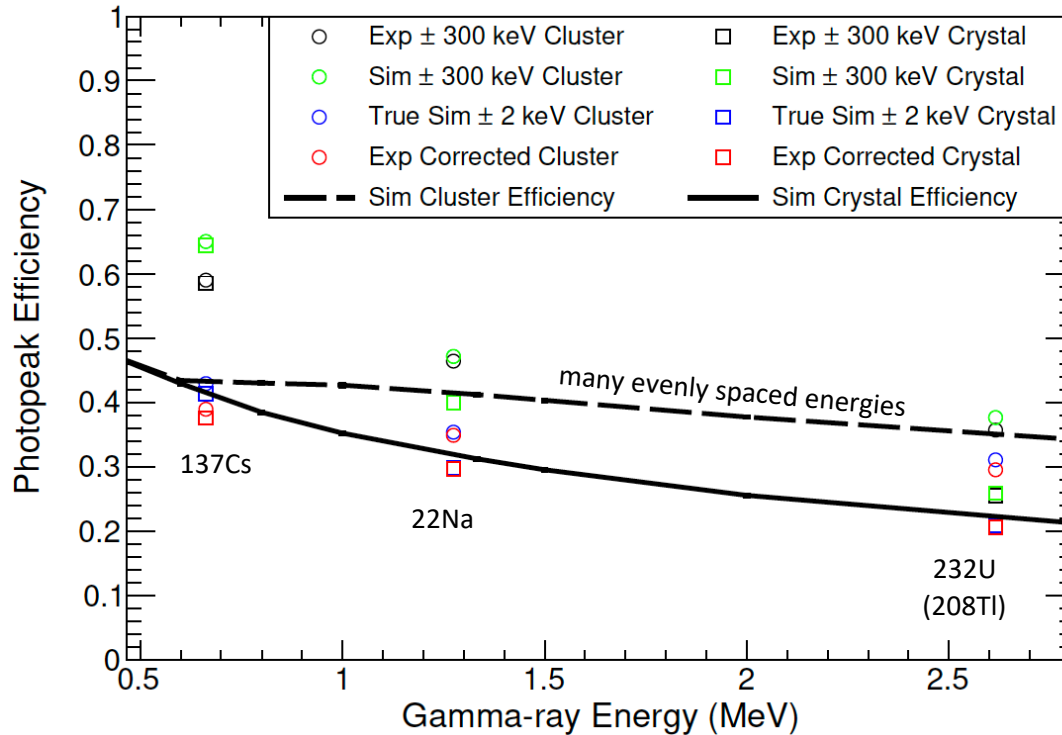
Backup slides

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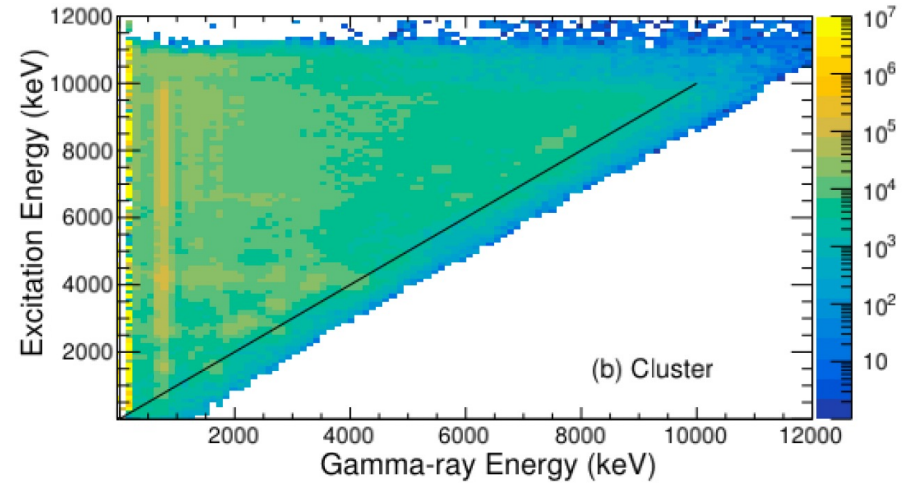
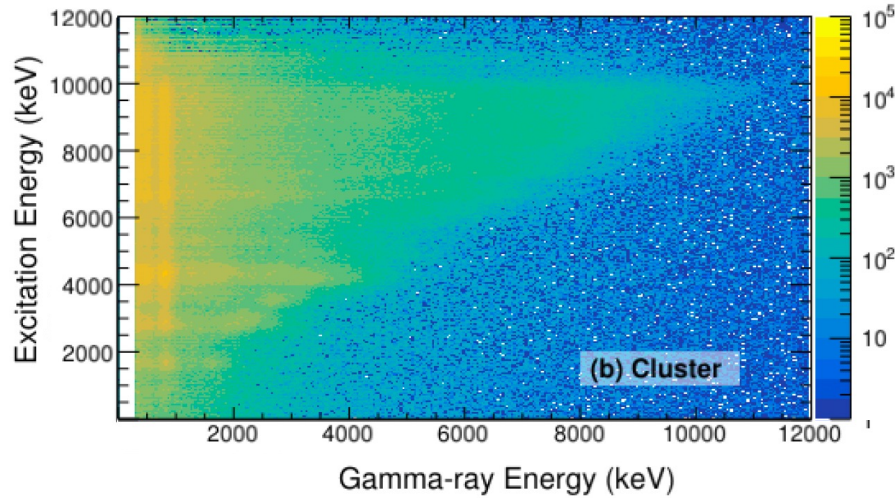
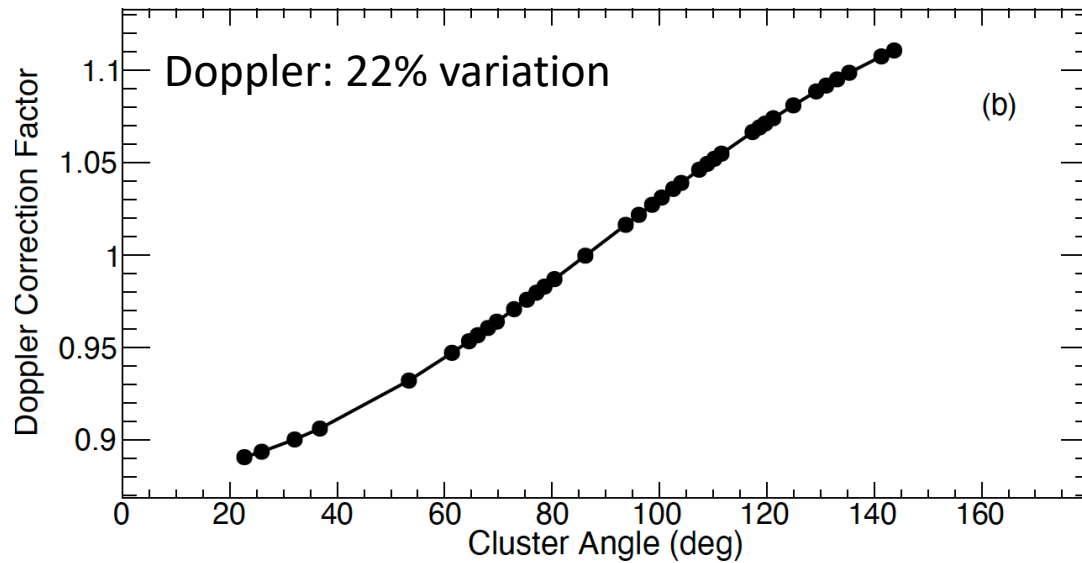


*one side-pack not shown for clarity*

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- measured. includes some Compton scattering
- simulation, to compare to measured
- simulation. narrow gate to exclude all Compton
- experiment corrected by  $\frac{\text{green circle}}{\text{blue circle}}$



1. raw

2. Doppler corrected  
"unfolded" remove  
detector response

# 58Fe Photon Strength Function

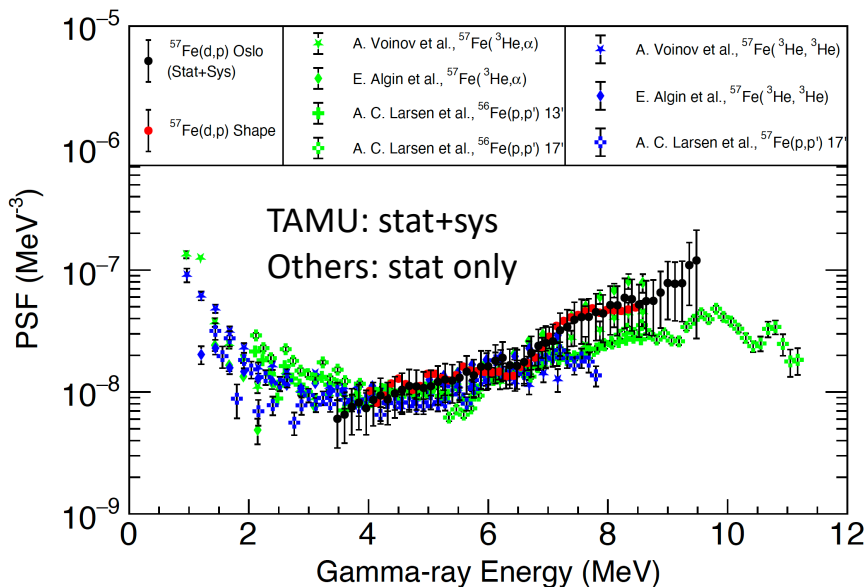
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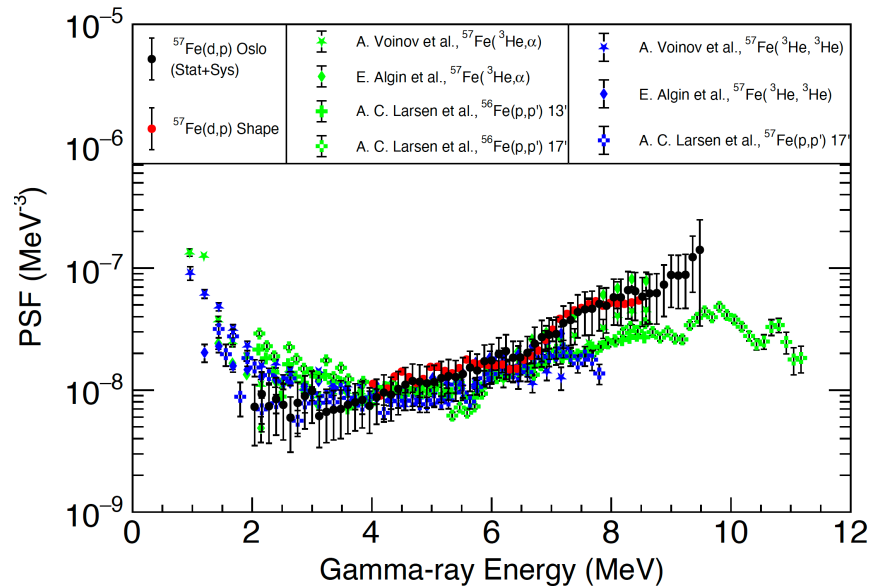
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### Inclusion of data down to 3.5 MeV



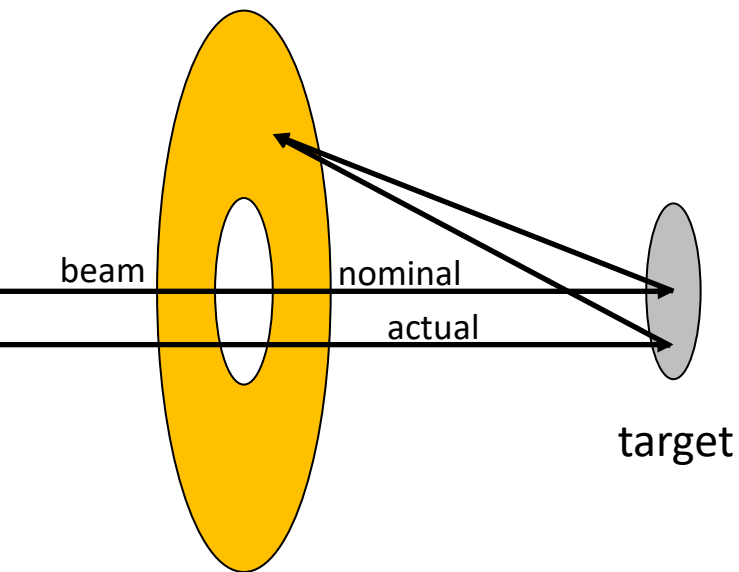
no evidence of low-energy enhancement down to 3.5 MeV

### Inclusion of data down to 2 MeV



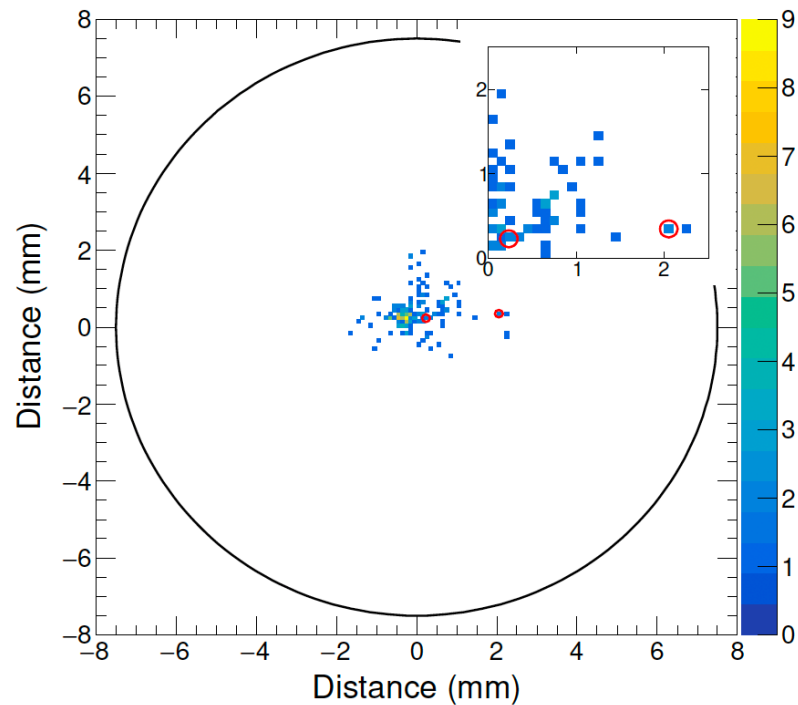
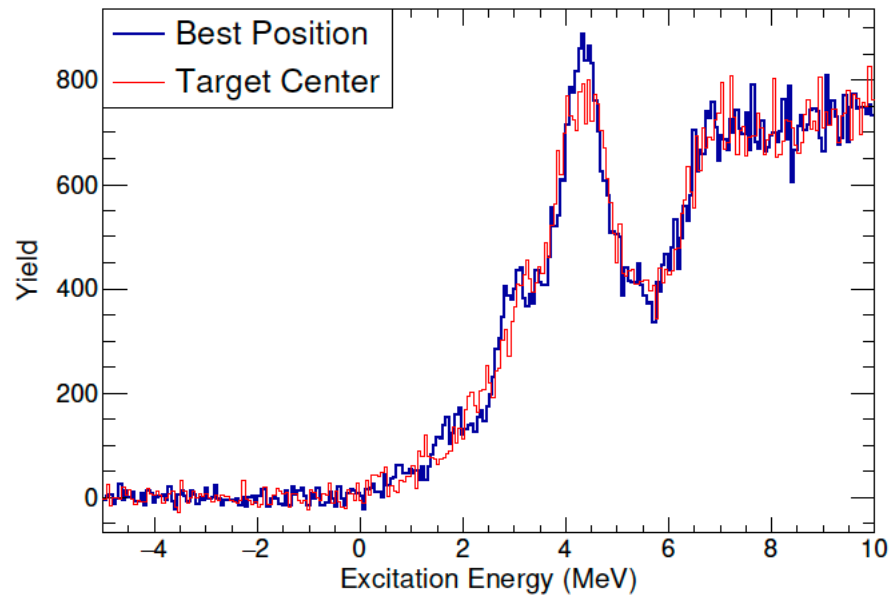
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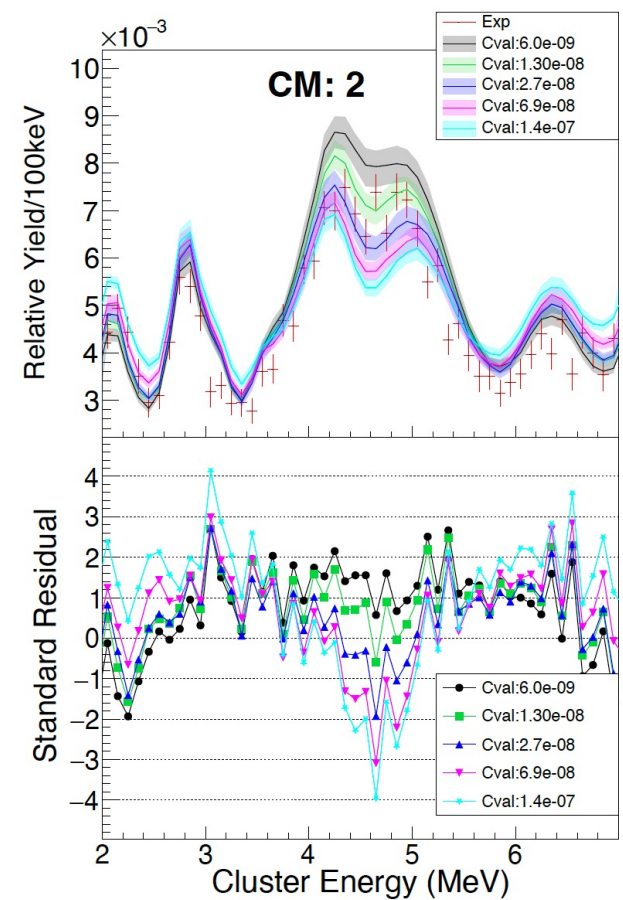
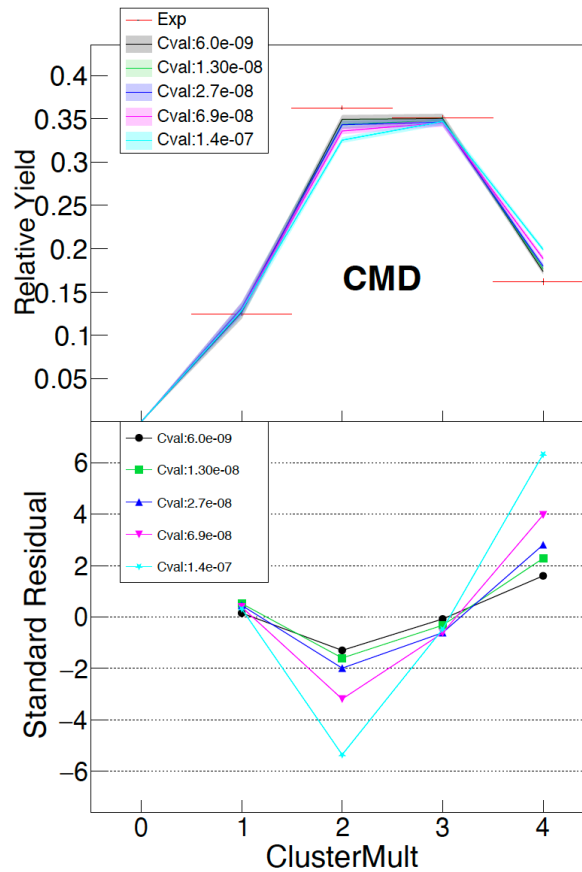
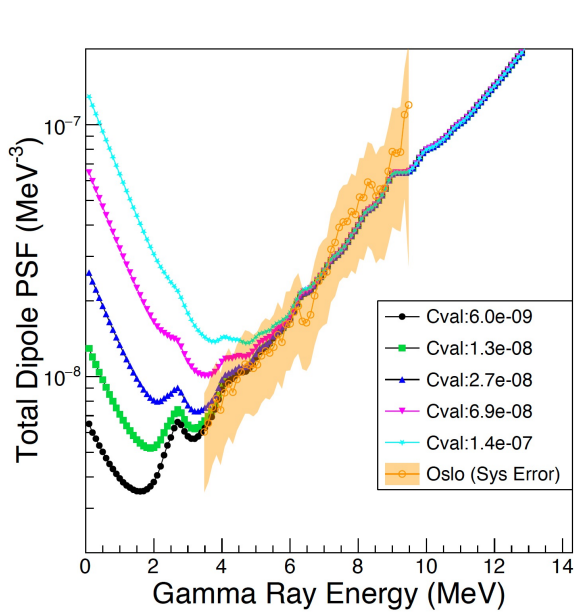




S3 silicon

beam spot  $\rightarrow$  angles  $\rightarrow E^*$





- 1) vary the low energy enhancement in the PSF
- 2) simulate many  $^{58}\text{Fe}$  deexcitation cascades
- 3) filter for detector response
- 4) compare simulation and experiment

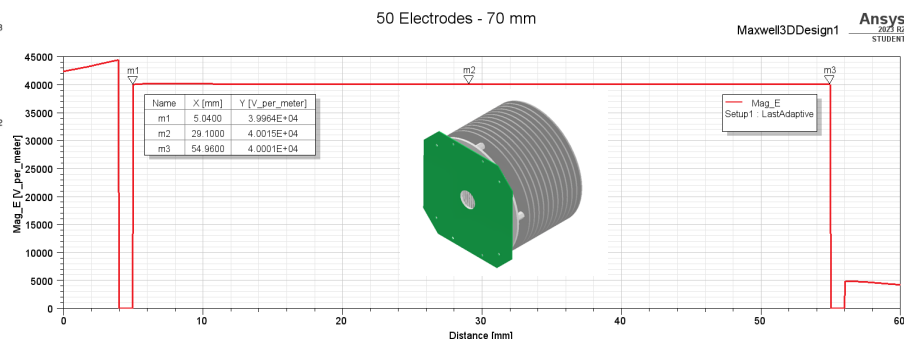
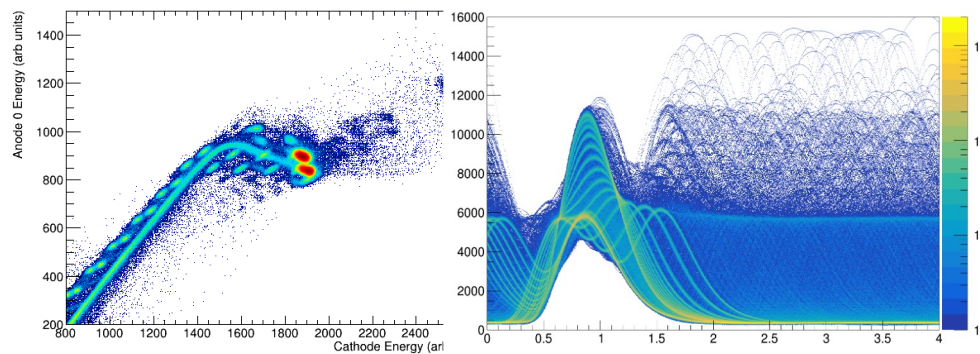
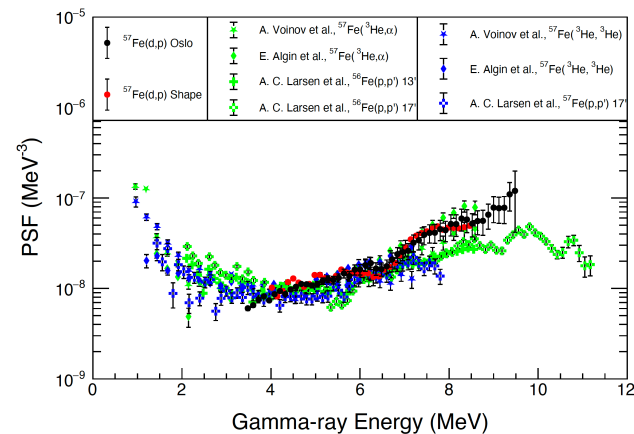
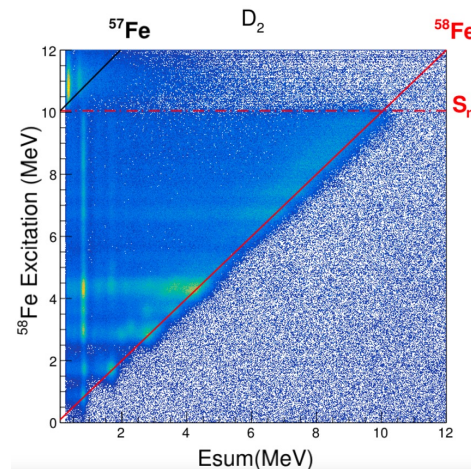
Rule out large (but not small) low-energy enhancements

M. Sorensen



## Successes, to date

- Measurement of  $^{57}\text{Fe}(d,p)^{58}\text{Fe}$
- One Ph.D. completed (A. Abbott)
- One Ph.D. dissertation in progress (M. Sorensen)
- Two PRC and one NIM in preparation
- Photon strength function of  $^{58}\text{Fe}$  measured
- Zero-degree residue detector demonstrated
- Measurement of  $^{54}\text{Fe}(d,p)^{55}\text{Fe}$  (A. Alvarez)
- Field simulations for DAPPER TPC made (S. Regener)



TALYS predictions incorporate 9PSF x 6NLD = 54 combinations

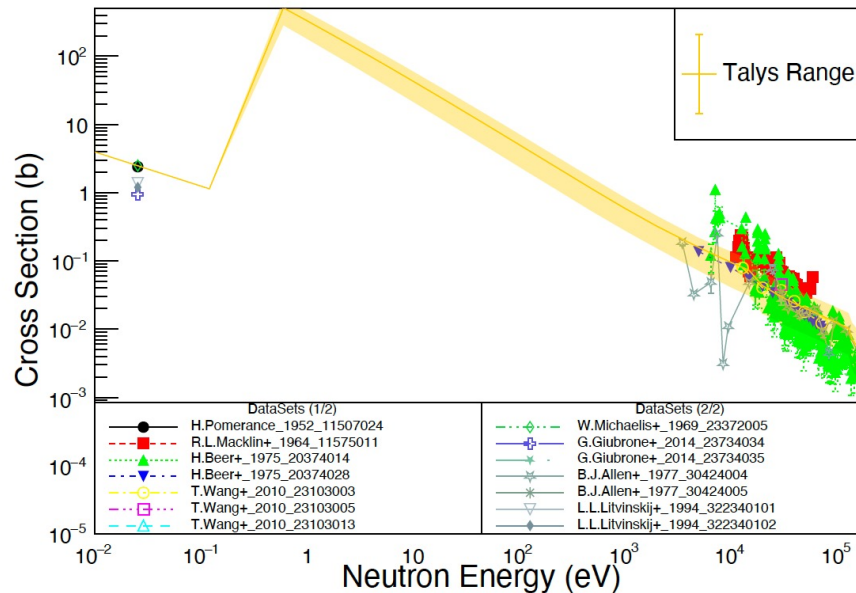


Figure 8.16: Neutron capture cross sections for the  $^{57}\text{Fe}(n,g)^{58}\text{Fe}$  reaction, taken from the EXFOR database. Numerous measurements were made for different incident neutron energies. Each dataset is labeled with the first author, the date of publication, and the dataset ID in EXFOR. Some points do not have reported error bars for them. Talys predictions are shown as the orange region, with the width of the region denoting the range over which TALYS predicts for all built-in combinations of E1 PSF and NLDs.